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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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SUBJECT: Requesting Feedback from the Clerks
(Processing and Counting Late-Arriving Absentee and Provisional Ballots Manual)

In an effort to serve our election partners more effectively, the Government Accountability Board is requesting feedback from clerks as part of an ongoing effort to improve our election administration procedures, manuals and other documents.

We are specifically requesting your input into our recently developed **Processing and Counting Late-Arriving Absentee and Provisional Ballots Manual**, the subject of a teleconference on February 15, 2012. The Manual details the procedure for election inspectors to use when issuing provisional Ballots on Election Day, and the procedure for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to use when processing late-arriving absentee and provisional ballots. These procedures went into effect for the February 21, 2012 Spring Primary. **The attached manual has been updated since it was initially posted on February 13, 2012 in response to Legislative Changes and question received from our clerk partners.**

We would like your feedback regarding:

- How clear are the aforementioned procedures outlined in the manual?
- What could be improved in the explanation of the composition of the Municipal Board of Canvassers, timelines, procedure details, etc. to make them more understandable?
- What type of materials or documents could we develop to augment the manual?

We welcome your feedback. Please send any comments or observations you may have by close of business on Friday, March 9, 2012 to: GABCanvass@wi.gov.

If you have any questions about these materials, please contact the Government Accountability Board Help Desk at (608) 261-2028 or gabhelpdesk@wi.gov

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